

This is to speak in favor of XM Satellite radio and the benefits it provides by offering local traffic and weather updates. I cover about a 100 mile radius in the Panhandle of Florida and am pleased that I can leave the radio on one station the whole time and can find weather and traffic updates when needed. The role of the federal government is not to protect existing business from competition, it is to provide equal protection to the participants and then allow the marketplace to decide who the winners and losers are.

I urge the FCC to deny the request by the NAB to restrict the content or programming provided by XM and reject NAB's petition 04-160.